PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP Form 8-K February 27, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 27, 2013 (February 25, 2013)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Protective Life Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-11339** (Commission File Number) 95-2492236 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2801 Highway 280 South

Birmingham, Alabama 35223

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(205) 268-1000

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.03 <u>Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year</u>

On February 25, 2013, the Board of Directors of Protective Life Corporation (the Corporation) approved an amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the Corporation s Bylaws effective as of February 25, 2013. The amendment changes the age of eligibility for directors to be reelected from age 70 to age 72. As amended, Article III, Section 2 states that any outside director, and any inside director who is or has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, shall be eligible for reelection until that director has reached his or her 72nd birthday but not thereafter.

A copy of the Corporation s 2013 Amended and Restated Bylaws is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this item 5.03.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

3.2 2013 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION (Registrant) /s/Steven G. Walker Steven G. Walker Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: February 27, 2013

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